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XII. RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA
AND RELATED INTOLERANCE

1. The Commission considered agenda item 12 at its 10th to 12th meetings, on 20 and 23 March, and at its 51st meeting, on 17 April, and at its 56th meeting, on 21 April 1998. 1/
2. For the documents issued under agenda item 12, see annex IV to the present report. For a list of all resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission and Chairman's statements, by agenda item, see annex V to the present report.
3. At the 11th meeting, on 23 March 1998, the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, Mr. Maurice Glélé-Ahanhanzo, introduced his report (E/CN.4/1998/79). At the 12th meeting, also on 23 March 1998, the Special Rapporteur made his concluding remarks.
4. A statement was made by Mr. Ivan Garvalov, member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (10th).
5. In the general debate on agenda item 12, statements 2/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Argentina (11th), Bangladesh (11th), Brazil (10th), China (10th), Cuba (11th), Czech Republic (11th), Guatemala (11th), Madagascar (11th), Pakistan (11th), Philippines (11th), Russian Federation (11th), Senegal (11th), Sudan (11th), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia) (10th), United States of America (12th).
6. The Commission heard statements by the observers for: Egypt (10th), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (12th), Israel (12th), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (12th), Turkey (12th).
7. A statement was also made by the observer for the Order of Malta (10th).
8. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: African Association of Education for Development (12th), African Commission of Health and Human Rights Promoters (11th), All India Women's Conference (joint statement with Movement against Racism and for Friendship among Peoples, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, World Federation of Democratic Youth, World Peace Council) (12th), American Association of Jurists (12th), Association for World Education (11th), December Twelfth Movement (12th), European Union of Public Relations (12th),

International Association against Torture (12th), International Council of Jewish Women (11th), International Educational Development (12th), International Institute for Non-Aligned Studies (11th), International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (11th), International Progress Organization (12th), Movement against Racism and for Friendship among Peoples (12th), Transnational Radical Party (11th), Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (11th), World Federation of Democratic Youth (11th), World Federation for Mental Health (12th), World Jewish Congress (11th).

9. A statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the Observer for Mauritania (12th).

Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

10. At its 51st meeting, on 17 April 1998, the representative of Senegal (on behalf of the African Group) introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.37, sponsored by China, Cuba, Mexico and Senegal (on behalf of the African Group). Bangladesh, Brazil, Chile, El Salvador, France, Germany, Greece, India, Iraq, Israel, Italy and Uruguay subsequently joined the sponsors.

11. Operative paragraph 50 of the draft resolution was orally revised by the representative of Senegal.

12. In accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the attention of the Commission was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications 3/ of the draft resolution. In that regard, a statement of the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.37 was issued in document E/CN.4/1998/L.98.

13. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/26.

Recognition of slavery and the slave trade as a crime against humanity

14. At its 56th meeting, on 21 April 1998, the Commission decided to postpone consideration of draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.36/Rev.1, sponsored by Cuba, Israel and Senegal (on behalf of the African Group), to maintain contact and to continue consultations in order to reach a consensus.